ने आन्ध्र प्रदेश के अनन्तपुर जिले के रामगिरि स्वर्ण क्षेत्र में येप्पामाना स्वर्ण खान चालू कर दी है। आन्ध्र प्रदेश के चिगारगुंटा क्षेत्र में स्वर्ण खान के लिए विस्तृत गवेषण चल रहा है।

(ख) येप्पामाना खान में स्वर्ण खनन हो रहा है तथा चिगार गुटा निक्षेप के गवेषण खनन के दौरान प्राप्त अयस्कों का भारत गोल्ड माइन्स लि० को कोलार गोल्ड फील्ड मिलों में शोधन किया जा रहा है।

Teesta Barrage Project

*194. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major irrigation schemes included in the Seventh Five Year Plan for implementation;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal has urged the Central Government to bear a part of the cost for the construction of the Teesta Barrage Project and some other major irrigation projects which are of national importance; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the Central Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) In addition to 131 ongoing major irrigation projects, 21 new projects have been considered for inclusion in the VIIth Plan by the Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) The State Government have not urged the Central Government to bear a part of the cost of the Teesta or any other project. However, special Central assistance was sought for by the State Government for completion of the Teesta Barrage Project. The Central Government have taken a view that the requisite outlay for this project should be provided in the State Plan where a large step up of 180 per cent in outlays has been made in the Seventh Plan, over the Sixth Plan.

Use of Asbestos in mines

*195. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the use of asbestos in mines in the country; and

(b) whether in view of the harmful effects of asbestos Government propose to ban its use in the mines and provide a substitute therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Asbestos is not used in mines in the country.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) of the question, Part (b) of the question does not arise.

Irrigation projects in the States

*196. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create separate fund from the Central resources for individual irrigation projects in the States;

(b) if so, what is the number of individual irrigation projects in different States;

(c) whether Government propose to finance those individual projects from the financial year 1986-87; and